Rules made by Governing body of CSIR

3221. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governing Body of CSIR has the powers to formulate its own rules being an Autonomous body for its Scientific and Technical Staff as well as Administrative Staff;

(b) if so, whether any new and specific rules have been framed by the Governing Body of CSIR which are not in conformity with Government rules; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes Sir. As per provisions of CSIR Rules, Regulations bye-laws 11 and 15, the Governing Body of CSIR has the power to formulate its own rules relating to recruitment, promotion including assessment and merit promotion in respect of categories of scientific and technical staff of the Society. Rule 15 *ibid* provides that the service of the employees of the Society shall be governed by Fundamental and Supplementary Rules of the Government of India and orders issued thereunder to the extent applicable to the employees of the Society. The Ministry of Finance is represented on the Governing Body through Secretary, Expenditure as Member (Finance) to ensure that the power to relax the requirement of any rule by the Governing Body is within the permissible limit keeping in view the functional requirement and peculiar needs of an R&D organization. The proceedings of the Governing Body are approved by the Vice President, CSIR (Minister of Science & Technology) and the President, CSIR (Prime Minister of India).

(b) and (c) The Governing Body has framed CSIR Recruitment and Promotion Rules including Assessment and Merit Promotion Rules in respect of scientific and technical staff. The Assessment Promotion Rules for granting promotion to scientists and technical personnel is in operation from 1966. The scheme was evolved for giving impetus to R&D effort. The Assessment Promotion Scheme in vogue in CSIR for scientific and technical staff is broadly similar to that operating in most of the Government

scientific departments. The larger coverage of employees of S&T staff in the scheme has been done with a view to attracting best talent at all levels (including technical support staff) in the interest of research and developmental work. In respect of non-technical posts, recruitment & promotion rules *i.e.* CSIR Administrative Services (Recruitment & Promotion) Rules, 1982 are more or less on the pattern of Government of India Rules. Slight deviations like relaxation in the residency period due to non-availability of eligible candidates in the feeder cadre have been made with the approval of the Governing Body, CSIR keeping in view the functional requirements and interests of the organization. The rules are updated/ revised from time to time with the approval of the Governing Body.

Buying of WRF from USA

3222. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of SCIE-NCE & TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Science and Technology is buying a new numerical Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model from the National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder Colorado, USA; and

(b) if so, the cost involved in purchasing WRF model?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) of the United States of America is going to provide its high resolution Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model as part of its ongoing collaboration with the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), without any cost.

(b) Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

Setting up of Bio-Tech parks

3223. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country lags behind several countries in the field of bio-technology;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken for the development of bio-technology in the country;